

Now deep thoughts ... with Conestoga College

Random questions answered by random students

If you could go back in time for one day, when and where would you go?



"I would go back in time to the 2009 Winnipeg flood. That was one of the best days I've had."

Tyler Johnson,
second-year
business administration and accounting

"I think I would go back and meet Van Gogh. He was really really famous until he died and I think his art would have been very interesting."

Kashia Giffels,
first-year
accounting



"I would probably go back to the middle Ages. I did a lot of reading and I was not too far from changing the flag on my phone. I just wouldn't have another phone."

Parker Olney,
first-year
pre health sciences

"I would go back in time to my vacation in Croatia with my family."

Belinda Macnevin,
second-year
business administration and accounting



"I might go back to a live rock band concert from when I was 12 or 13, when they were still good."

Tyler Cox,
first-year
radio broadcasting

"I think I would go back to when I was six. My dad taught me how to ride a bike."

Ashley Williams,
first-year
office administration



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Support daffodil month

BY BRADLEY HARRIS

Want to help people who are fighting cancer? There's a daffodil gun during the Canadian Cancer Society's Daffodil Month.

Every April the charity launches its daffodil campaign, selling daffodil guns and fundraising door-to-door. The Canadian Cancer Society, Waterloo-Willington Community Office, is looking for able individuals and volunteers to help raise funds.

"The co-ordinator's job is a lot more of a responsible position than any other volunteer," said Karen Giffels, senior manager. "They would take over supplies (daffodil guns) make sure all the stores have them at various locations for the volunteers, pick the supplies up at the end of the day and bring the money and everything back to us."

On any scheduled weekday or weekend, the volunteers would go to a local business, either Canadian Tire or Walmart and sell daffodil guns for a maximum of 10 minutes.

"Also throughout April we have a residential campaign, that's a door-to-door campaign," said Giffels. "Volunteers go door to door and people just make a straight donation and they get a tax receipt."

Giffels said door-to-door volunteers get 100 donations from people. These donations are accepted via cash, cheque or credit card, she said.

Through the daffodil campaign during a week until April, volunteers work door-to-door in a house a lot of time to co-ordinate the volunteers' schedule and supplies, said Giffels.



Photo by Bradley Harris

Karen Giffels, senior manager of the Canadian Cancer Society Waterloo-Willington Community Office, says a daffodil gun is prepared for the daffodil campaign coming up in April.

and schedule and supplies, said Giffels.

People who want to volunteer should call the Canadian Cancer Society, Waterloo-Willington Community Office to register with Giffels.

"What they can then do is go to the businesses, make a list of what they want to sell multiple daffodil guns," she said. "It's not an issue how to make these guns, we have to co-ordinate that because once the schedule is set up they can just go out and sell the guns."

The money raised through these campaigns goes into either research or supporting people living with cancer.

"So, in Waterloo Region and Wellington County we have volunteer drivers who take patients to their cancer-related appointments," said Giffels. "We recruit the drivers, recruit and train them locally and then they go out."

The drivers do not get paid

for driving, but they get reimbursed for mileage, she said.

"They drive clients to maybe Grand River Hospital Cancer Centre or to London Health Sciences or many hospitals in Toronto," said Giffels. "That's something we are proud of. That's something that type of support program is our community as well as research."

Amelie Siskin, a graduate public health student at the University of Waterloo, said she started volunteering at the Waterloo-Willington Community Office because she thought the Canadian Cancer Society was a good place to work.

"They are a group of dedicated individuals helping who are who are fighting cancer, or cancer survivors. They are just like a team of hope for everyone," she said.

For more information on the daffodil campaign or to make a donation, visit www.cancer.ca

Ontario Ghostbusters charitable

BY CHRISTOPHER HARRIS

They have an organized group and go to approximately 18 events a year. They also hold meetings and create items for their costumes. They run the organization like any other.

"The key is to get that a Ghostbuster experience with Ghostbuster gear and also offer some unique things to them," said Sherrin.

One volunteer driver from a childhood love of Ghostbusters and the drive to get involved in the community.

"We've done parties and charitable events. We've gone into McMaster Children's Hospital and done a visit there," Sherrin said.

"It's not just about being a ghostbuster but to help, because it's a higher cause," said Lapina.

Salary increases should be modest: Tibbits

BY BRANDY FLETCHER

Conestoga College's President John Tibbits is one of the few college executives to speak out about proposed salary increases.

In 2016 there was a freeze put on the salaries of public sector executives. At the time, the 34 publicly funded colleges across Ontario were \$1.1 billion in debt after 18 years of declining enrolment, according to John McMillan, the minister of advanced education and skills development. So the provincial government decided to freeze wages for five years.

Now that the freeze is over,

some colleges have been proposing wage increases of 3.6 per cent or more for their presidents, according to a Feb. 7 CBC story. Matthews said this would need to think of as a "modest increase."

"We're asked them to go back to the drawing board," she said.

The wage increases will add roughly \$500,000 to the annual salary, and up to \$1 per year for the highest-paid presidents.

Tibbits will be paid \$115,000 annually and is one of the highest paid college presidents, a slight rise on his previous \$105,000 (plus 3.6 per cent). However, he said he was not going to take it.

Tibbits said the 35 colleges

were just looking at executive compensation, but five colleges decided to propose higher salary steps.

"Some of the colleges passed these wages without telling us. We had planned to agree to a modest wage increase," he said.

At each college, the board of governors sets the maximum salary allowed. Tibbits said board members should look at their community as well as Ontario and Canada as a whole. Looking around where the money comes from and the financial situation that the country is in.

"There is a balance between what the government or enough steps financially

the economy in Canada is consistent with everything going on in the world, a lot of the average person and them," he said. "There is a difference between what you think you deserve and the actual sustainable increase."

The pay increases affect 11 executives at Conestoga, 33 at 35 colleges are being told by the government to rethink their numbers. The salary increases are a wage that will be paid in each province over the past five years. Some of the lower paid executives have been stuck with lower wages over the past decade having served as job posters. Matthews said the colleges

collectively agreed on choosing the wage increases for the salary comparisons. Although Tibbits agrees with the evaluation of colleges, he says the comparison pay is higher than it should be.

"My salary looks like maximum wage as compared to the typical company's \$1.5 million," he said.

Ontario Power Generation currently pays the CEO \$1.5 million a year but says he is eligible for a salary of up to \$2.5 million a year.

Some colleges, like McMillan, claim they need to pay higher salaries to attract and retain top executives. McMillan had an executive leave during the wage freeze.

What does it mean to be educated?

Education, intelligence, knowledge and experience — are these things linked?

I have to say it's a little bit. We seem to be very much more educated people in the 21st century. People need to be smart and not be so dumb and white with it. It's a challenge always to keep a little bit of the old for curiosity. Whether we live in an information from our books, friends, school, social media or simply just having something on the street, many people refuse to believe their knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

We mostly only hear about people being misinformed, especially those who appear to be racist, homophobic, bigoted and hateful.

Learning things and being

educated is what people should strive for. If people were more well-informed and educated in regards to politics, social structures, religion and economics, everyday conversations may be people would be able to conduct.

This whole point of this is not so much to create an education system, but to simply address the issue as a problem. The first step is our education system, it's old, outdated and it needs to be reformed and into something new and enlightening. Rather than relying on books, which only in terms of math, science and English, there should be more social, religious and economic related classes at a younger age.

If this means that there needs to be more for more people added to high school,



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there is to be, because the first step is to be informed and educated, so that we don't just go to a young and experienceable age.

The second big step is social media. Young people are very impressionable and like to go on social media. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and even Google. The professional situation, the current presidency, the Muslim ban and many other issues have or come up have, influenced and created by the news. These don't just have to be

articles and news videos either. They can be movies, tweets and videos that put you into their minds and feelings. Social media is a real mistake to be in an online world to be on it.

These news must stop the spread of fake news and cultural social media websites. Perhaps if the news network, we would actually stop being about the news between the media and Twitter from being every time to be in the position.

The third and final issue I want to address is the increase of social people and the social ignorance towards health, but the Oxford Centre for Evidence-based medicine is a lack of knowledge (which is things).

Taking this definition, friends and family members

to have may need to change. Those who speak or refuse to open their minds to different ideas, should try to be more open. Their perspective. If more people did that, then maybe, just maybe we could start to become more accepting and understanding of the decisions made by politicians or countries and those around us.

We would need to understand the reasons why we accept them for what it is and not what it should be, why others spend another language or why they worship the same God but in different ways.

We may not always agree upon everything, but we could begin to understand why people believe what they believe, so rather than possibly become more accepting of them.

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Waterloo man invents personal protection device

BY GREGG HARVEY

For some people talking about their problems is considered to be asking somebody for help is also looked down upon. These notions never feel empowered.

It has always been worse for women who have endured being assaulted, both sexually and physically — and watching as it was shown under the rug. It was not something that anybody liked to mention to anyone — or anybody wanted to listen to. With the rise of social media, people have found more ways to communicate and learn from stories around the world — stories of protection and stories of violent exploitation. These shared stories opened to the women they are not alone and it has brought out the good in people and has clearly marked what should and should not be allowed to persist in society.

Female empowerment has created an environment in which women are no longer considered the weaker sex. Women are also encouraged to take the initiative when it comes to defending themselves.

A local inventor is helping women with this.

"I have three daughters. They shouldn't have to put up with people who want to abuse," said Philip Crossman, a Waterloo resident and a retired Canadian Forces captain.

With an upright posture and a welcoming smile, Crossman has the look of the average mid-west neighbor you would like to chat with, whether about the numerous football paintings hanging on the walls in his beautiful home or about some current affairs.

It was his wife, who is the inventor, that Crossman designs practical and handy devices for everyday life. He often finds inspiration from his friends.

"Most of the women I've talked to tell me how people talked about them as being about respect, advances on the streets and in nightclubs. They just don't

get it."

He wondered what he could do to make sure these women did not have to deal with anything traumatic in their lives.

After deliberating for a few months, Crossman finally came up with "the Dazzler," a small tool with big benefits.

The striking flashlight is ingenious both because of its portability and small size. The device fits snugly in the palm of the hand and can be carried around anywhere. The device flashes three hours of flashing light before the battery needs replacing.

The prototype is 10 centimeters long and is a clever good feedback from friends family and customers. It is small and can fit into tiny pockets which women are most likely to carry to nightclubs. The flashing flashlight weighs no more than 60 grams and has a simple design.

"You don't have to charge it and you don't have to worry about the distance between you and the attacker," said Crossman.

Unlike pepper spray, which some carry in their handbags despite it being illegal in Canada, the Dazzler does not require a certain level of proximity to be effective. Also, it comes with a small keyring and can be hung on the finger of any bag. With minimum effort the woman can easily escape quickly by shining the single light in the attacker's eyes.

Crossman said his device is a "bare defense system" and is not a solution way of avoiding harm and yet, completely harmless to the attacker. There is no physical damage caused to the eyes.

It has been found that shining the light into an assailant's eyes can blind them for a few minutes giving the victim time to escape. The device has a button on its lower end which, when pressed, activates a powerful single light.

Although designed for women, the shockingly powerful light can be used by anyone who feels threatened or vulnerable. It is the perfect means of having no harm in



Photo by Graham Hughes

Philip Crossman, a retired military captain and an inventor, demonstrates how his self-defense device, the Dazzler, can be used to escape an attack.

them before police or any help can reach the scene.

The strike light works in a way which temporarily leaves the human brain in a state of disorientation. Visually blinding the attacker the light pulses frequently in a random or even psychologically effective manner the brain will resulting in mild nausea. The light of the Dazzler can last for a few minutes giving the victim time to escape.

The device will still "flash" and take attention by surprise even if they were to look away or shield their eyes and it is effective as daylight as well. The only way the strike light can be lost is if the attacker has heavily tinted glasses.

In addition to an attack, the strike light can be used to signal friends and family to help by shining it straight up into the air or can be used simply to light the way in tunnels or on dark streets at night.

Crossman was quick to point out it was harmful to pressure work. Since it does not cause any permanent damage, he encourages customers and friends to try it. Crossman said and once has been found the device to be ineffective.

In Waterloo Region, a total of 515 cases of sexual assault were reported in 2015. Many others go unreported because some victims feel not taken to be heard and badly or keeping quiet is the best way

to deal with it.

Crossman with the Dazzler for his and his patented one-hour on the life to protecting himself for a second look.

The 71-year-old Crossman also produces hiking cameras, lenses and has a few designs for sale on his website where women should try. There can be used on yards and shops to stay safe.

The local inventor said he was not interested in making a big business but was happy with his personal invention. Using his experience from the military, Crossman said he will continue to come up with better and affordable products for the public.

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People protest misconduct

BY ANDREW KENNEY

Romanian citizens have successfully taken on their government, forcing them to repeal an anti-morocco and corruption-enforcing decree that would have sent politicians for minor fraudulent points of crimes to prison and the voters would begin.

An emergency cabinet was put into place on Jan. 11 by the government and for the six days that followed hundreds of thousands of people across Romania took to the streets to protest the proposed law. This outcry consisted of the largest anti-government protests since the toppling of Communism in the country in 1989.

The start of the protests was not at all surprising as the suggested ordinance would send a message such as bribery and fraud by political officials would become legal. The laws were largely perceived as a way to keep party members out of jail and free those already serving sentences for various crimes of power.

Romanians have had problems with government and misconduct in the past.

"We want people to be equal before the law and no privileges for the people in Parliament. This government is organized from the high level down like a mafia and we don't want anything like that," said Prorok Naps, a professor on Victory Square in Bucharest, in an article for *Time Magazine* on Feb. 6.

During the week of Jan. 10 protests demanded Prime Minister Victor Ponta's resignation and his resignation took as many as 3,000 protesters flooded in front of the political offices of the Social Democratic Party to such members to leave office. However, they are still in power and Romania's approval a Feb. 6 no-confidence vote.

"The people want a clear demarcation and transparent government and they are making sure that their president is better," said David Chelari, a reporter for *Al Jazeera*.

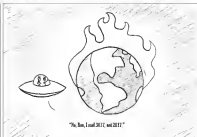
This is a massive victory for the people of Romania and for democracy. Countries must also take a stand and show Romania we support them. To do so and say nothing would be the equivalent of violating the government's system.

The crowd here represents the position of the majority, not necessarily the author.

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We'll have to get the world in order before chaos starts visiting us again.

Don't give into bullies

Bullying is more recognized today than in the past, but when did it begin?

Some people believe bullying has been around since the beginning of mankind. Signs of bullying have been reported even in our closest relatives, the monkeys.

Christopher Buckton wrote in his book called *Moral Origins*, about how monkeys and chimpanzees regularly engage in behaviours similar to humans in bullying actions. The rewards for this type of behaviour include elevated social status and a higher sexual attraction.

The difference between other animals that bully and ourselves is we rarely use any degree of violence in the wild. There have been numerous cases of animal cruelty, but David Smith, an anti-bullying specialist in England, proved that they were just that, animals. David Smith, the author of an article on the website, Today I Found Out, said Smith gave two examples of those supposed animal cruelties and explained why they were wrong.

One example was dogs



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"commuting cruelty" by jumping from Overton Bridge in Scotland. Different sources said the number of dogs deaths from the bridge was anywhere between 10 and hundreds. It always seemed to people like their beloved pets were killing themselves for no reason, but Smith conducted some research and discovered why it was happening.

Dogs had most often attempted to jump over a much more restricted way bridge discovered. The majority of dogs jumping off this bridge were long-haired breeds known for their long-haired coats of fur and they were simply going after a nest of snakes. They ran past off the bridge because they could smell the snakes.

So why is it that we, as humans, the most highly evolved animal we know of, are into this bullying and take our own lives? Maybe

the answer is because we are so highly evolved. Smithwell suggests that one of the reasons animals, other than humans, don't take their own lives is because that complex animals aren't capable of abstract thinking – they don't have emotional feelings.

Bullying has existed on our level, especially among youth. Cyberbullying has been found in 50 to 42 per cent of teenagers with both names reported they were cyber-bullied, and three animals children were abused from animal, per month, because of it.

I can only imagine how bad these kids are today if personally have never been out to go into bullying. I was bullied throughout school and I'm still bullied. I don't realize just how greatly only everyone else is each day. I'd submit that I feel depressed sometimes, but I'm still here. Life can be hard, but we can't let the bad parts win.

If you are suffering, seek help, whether it is from friends, family members or even the police. Every life is worth saving.

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**Aries**

March 21 - April 19

Keep working hard, for the future is filled with advent-
ture.**Libra**

September 23 - October 23

Don't be too hesitant to take a helping hand.

**Taurus**

April 20 - May 20

Work is powerful, but
don't choose them wisely.**Scorpio**

October 24 - November 21

If you are uncertain, ask
in the time to listen to your
intuition.**Gemini**

May 21 - June 21

You will make a strong and
lasting friendship in the
near future.**Sagittarius**

November 22 - December 21

Listen to your heart or
accept the signs that you
see.**Cancer**

June 22 - July 22

Your imagination runs free,
it is time to harness your
creativity.**Capricorn**

December 22 - January 19

Come out of your shell, or
don't be afraid to let out
yourself.**Leo**

July 23 - August 22

Stay positive and keep work-
ing toward your next goal.**Aquarius**

January 20 - February 18

Don't let the past inspire
motivation to move forward.**Virgo**

August 23 - September 22

You will soon reconnect with
someone close from your
past.**Pisces**

February 19 - March 20

Be patient and breathe,
your heart will come soon
enough.Ephraim Strong's Oracle is more
than a simple tarot deck. It's also a powerful
tool for your spiritual journey.**Oh Giff!**

Giff struggles to find good recipes

Useless FactsOur eyes are always the same
size from birth, but our nose
and ears never stop growing.In ancient Egypt, priests plucked
eyebrows from their faces,
including their eyebrows and
eyelashes.Each year there is one fan of
caramel poured for each man,
woman and child in the world.A cockroach will live nine
days without its head before it
dies of thirst.A pig's orgasm lasts 30 min-
utes. (In your next life do you
want to be a pig?)**Sudoku Puzzle**

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